

**AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: AUGUST 19, 2009**

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**DEPARTMENT: NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES****DIRECTOR: STEPHEN K. HARSIN**☐ **Consent**   ☒ **Discussion****SUBJECT:****RESOLUTIONS:**

R-66-2009 – Discussion and possible action regarding a resolution of the governing bodies of the County of Clark and the Cities of Henderson, Las Vegas and North Las Vegas to form the Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority and a report on the rotation of the Tenant Commissioner for the Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority - All Wards

**Fiscal Impact**☒**No Impact**☐**Augmentation Required**☐**Budget Funds Available****Amount:****Funding Source:****Dept./Division:** Neighborhood Services Department/Administration Division**PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**

On March 4, 2009, City Council approved a resolution to support the development of a governance model and plan to regionalize the public housing authorities. Subsequently, on June 1, 2009, the Nevada Legislature enacted Assembly Bill 478 (AB 478), which amended NRS Chapter 315, which provides for the creation of a resolution and adoption amongst the governing bodies of the local governments that desire to participate in the regional authority. By approval of this resolution, none of the governing bodies assume any liability, including liability for the acts or omissions of commissioners, or undertake any obligation for further performance, except as expressly required hereby, and except for the appointment of commissioners. In addition, staff will report on the SNRHA Tenant Commissioner Appointment Rotation Blind Lot Draw Form with the City of Las Vegas making the first appointment; Clark County making the second appointment; City of North Las Vegas making the third appointment and the City of Henderson making the fourth appointment. The actual appointment of the Tenant Commissioner will be scheduled on a future City Council meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council approve the resolution and report and authorizes the Mayor to execute any documents upon approval as to form by the City Attorney.

**BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:**

1. Resolution No. R-66-2009
2. Assembly Bill No. 478 – Committee on Government Affairs
3. SNRHA Tenant Commissioner Appointment Rotation Blind Lot Draw Form

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Motion made by RICKI Y. BARLOW to Approve

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

RICKI Y. BARLOW, LOIS TARKANIAN, STEVE WOLFSON, OSCAR B. GOODMAN, GARY REESE, STEVEN D. ROSS, STAVROS S. ANTHONY; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

Minutes:

STEPHEN HARSIN, Director of Neighborhood Services, appeared with DOUG LYON, Clark County. MR. HARSIN gave a brief presentation on the purpose and history of this item. Clark County and the Cities of North Las Vegas and Henderson will be passing resolutions that mirror this Resolution to create the Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority (SNRHA). This Resolution includes the intent to regionalize these powers, references to the plan to transition to a Regional Authority, the SNRHA'S geographic boundaries and other related matters.

MR. HARSIN stated that this work on the SNRHA has taken several years and he thanked the Mayor and Council for their support. He thanked DR. LISA MORRIS-HIBBLER, Deputy Director of Neighborhood Services, DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY TERI PONTICELLO and the members of the various Housing Authorities for their hard work on this collaborative effort.

MR. LYON appeared on behalf of the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Collation (SNRPC) and pointed out that the significance of creating the SNRHA. He pointed out that creating a new coalition from scratch has not been done in over 30 years and noted that staff from the various jurisdictions had performed all the necessary work for no additional cost, besides staff time. He recognized the hard work of everyone involved in bringing the SNRHA to fruition. Ultimately, this effort will help citizens access the services they need in an efficient and timely manner.

COUNCILMAN REESE noted that the SNRHA will benefit the public by reducing confusion regarding different jurisdictions, centralizing waiting lists for housing programs, consolidating tenant listings and databases, eliminating regional competition for grants and other funding, and saving money through elimination of duplicate positions. He expressed his support.

COUNCILMAN ROSS thanked MR. HARSIN, DR. MORRIS-HIBBLER, MR. LYON and the other Housing Authorities for their hard work on this effort. COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN concurred and noted the need for the SNRHA in the community. COUNCILMAN BARLOW expressed his support and noted the creation of the SNRHA would help streamline the process and help citizens access the services they need. He also thanked everyone for their hard work.

MAYOR GOODMAN suggested the creation of the SNRHA could be an example for other consolidation efforts in the Las Vegas Valley.